

THE 4★ PUZZLER

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Rebus Contest Results

July-August-September

"What torture!" "This was villainous!" "Cruel" wasn't the word for it!" These are some comments we received from readers who enjoyed the "Rebus Championships" in the July, August, and September *Four-Star*.

In retrospect, it's not surprising that the contest evoked such a love/hate reaction from readers. The 36 puzzles proved both addictive and infuriating. Example tricks: The letter "X" needed for the answer to July #12 was represented in the cartoon by crossed suspenders. The answer to August #9 involved a lisp. And September #9 required one to know that *Quercus palustris* is the scientific name for the pin oak.

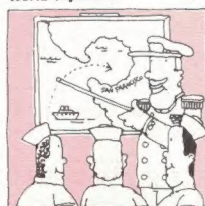
Chess Player: 5, 7



The most devious rebus of the contest perhaps was August #7 (Chess Player: 5,7), which many readers incorrectly read as Bobby Fischer (explained variously as BOBBY-

IF-ISSSS-SURE or BOBBY-FISSURE). Phonetically, though, the words IF-ISSSS-SURE are not the same as FISCHER, and no *fissure* appears in the picture. The correct answer, coincidentally containing the same number of letters, was Boris Spassky (BORE-ISSSS-PASKEY).

World Capital: 6



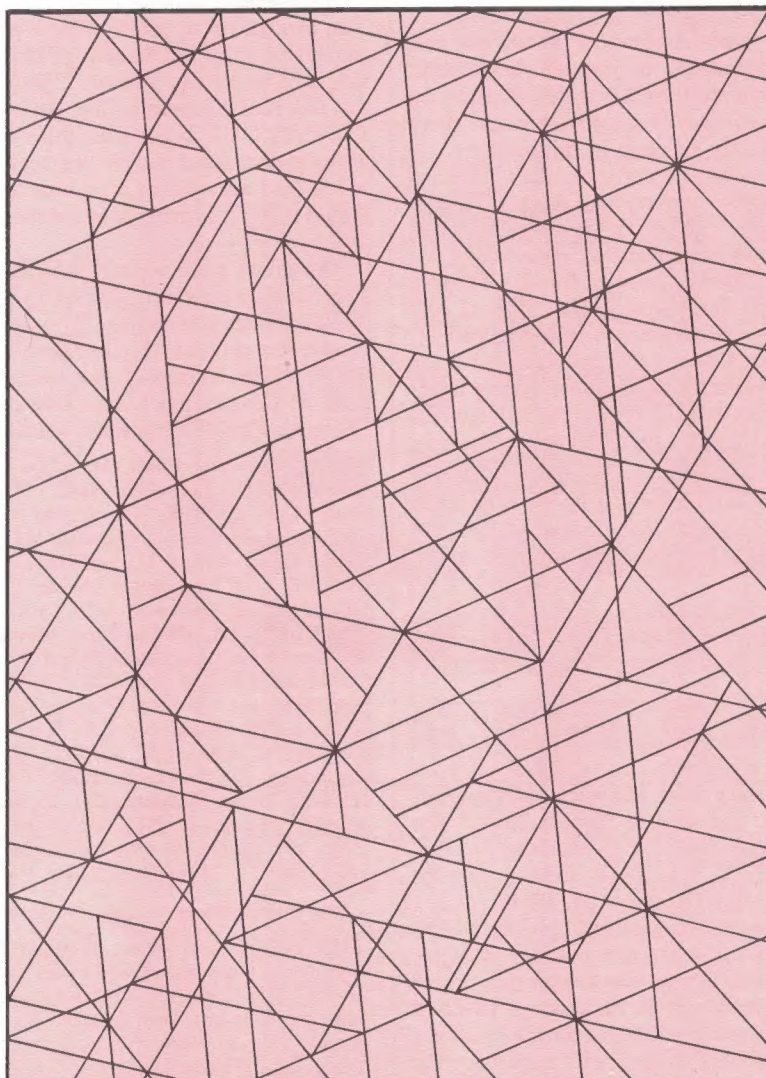
Then there was the unintentional trap of September #8 (World Capital: 6), which many solvers thought represented Bombay (BOMB-BAY). But Bombay, as only the

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1 Stargazing

MIKE SHENK

This truly is a four-star puzzle. Hidden in this matrix of crossing lines are four regular, five-pointed stars. In each case, the outline of the star is complete and without breaks. How many of them can you find?



Seeing Stars

A Masochist's Contest

First Prize: Celestron C-90 Spotting Scope (55-210X telescope—value \$395).

25 Runner-Up Prizes: *Connie's Cryptos* by Connie Gordon Wiener

Don't let the title of the magazine fool you. There are more—many more—than four stars within the 12 pages and two insert cards that comprise *The Four-Star Puzzler*.

The object of this contest is simply to locate and list the greatest number of stars of this issue.

Two types of stars are fair game:

Pictured Any normal, five-pointed star you spot in an illustration anywhere in the issue. No asterisks, please.

Written Any instance of the consecutive, uninterrupted, equally spaced letters S-T-A-R staring you in the face (count each only once, even when preceded by a number, as in *Four-Star*). For example, the word *staring* in the previous sentence starts with the letters STAR, so you should count it, as you can the STAR in the word *starts* in this sentence (stars, by the way, add up quickly, because there are already six stars in this sentence . . . oops, now there are seven stars . . . oops, eight stars . . . oops, nine stars . . . Help!). You may also count the consecutive letters STAR whenever they appear in a correctly filled-in answer for the acrostic puzzle, the cryptograms, any of the crosswords (reading across and down), or the "X-Word Puzzle" (in any of the 32 answers). Some taboos: wrong order of letters (e.g., RATS or TSAR), unequal spacing (LOST ARK), and nonconsecutive letters (STAIR).

How to Enter First, list the page numbers and specific locations of all the stars you find. For example, your list might start:

1. Page 1, logo
2. Page 2, "Seeing Stars," title
3. Page 2, "Seeing Stars," line 19, staring
etc.

Then, write your name, address, and the number of stars you've found on both your entry and the back of your envelope, and send to "Seeing Stars," *The Four-Star Puzzler*, 515 Madison Avenue, New York, NY 10022. Entries must be received by December 31, 1981.

Winning The winner will be the reader who lists the greatest number of legitimate stars. Those who submit the 25 next best entries will be runners-up. Ties will be resolved by random drawing. Answers and winners' names will appear in the March issue.

Results, cont'd

capital of an Indian state, isn't quite a world capital, nor does the cartoon show a bomb—perhaps an X at the end of the map's arrow would have suggested that. The correct answer was Beirut (BAY-ROUTE).

Fictional Villain



Undoubtedly the hardest rebus of the contest was September #12 (Fictional Villain: length not disclosed), which was left blank on answer sheets more often than any other. The solution was Dr. No (DOCK-TERN-EAU), with the phrase "C'est Perrier!" suggesting the French word for water. Now *that* was cruel!

The rebus championship was by far our most popular *Four-Star* contest ever, drawing 1,167 entries in July, with 90.5% fully correct. The puzzles got harder as the contest progressed: in August we got 907 entries, 74% correct; and in September, 712 entries, 51% correct.

Will we have another rebus marathon? You can bet on it. But first we'll ponder the advice of Lucille Sanders of Belmont, CA, who wrote us: "Please . . . wait a bit for the next 'Championship' series. . . I've really GOT to get some other things accomplished; and people are beginning to tell me I am running my words together and making slurring noises while reading."

The grand prize winner, selected in a random drawing among perfect entries, is Marilyn Simons of Jaffrey, NH, who will receive her choice of \$500 of games from World Wide Games of Delaware, OH. The 25 runners-up, each receiving a "Snapper Trick" birch wood puzzle, are:

Arnold Brodsky, Bowie, MD; Sani Davis, Clemmons, NC; Herb Fish, Napa, CA; Cary Frumess, Forest Hills, NY; William Gorgo, Chicago, IL; Paul Grant, Belleville, MI; Juliana Hackman, Athens, IL; Jon Hansen, Lincoln, NE; Leon Harkleroad, Abilene, TX; Judith Ingraham, Bethesda, MD; Cathie Jenkins, Carlisle, PA; Michael Kane, Milwaukee, WI; Steven Lala, Manhasset, NY; S. Luttrell, Coatesville, PA; Ted Namm, W. Chelmsford, MA; Margaret Newman, Tucson, AZ; Bob Nowacki, San Francisco, CA; Mrs. James Rhoads, Wichita, KS; Robert Sindelar, Champaign, IL; George L. Tanty, Chicago, IL; John Tenca, Stamford, CT; Phyllis Van Winkle, Schenectady, NY; Ann Waite, New York, NY; Sharon Wharry, Bartlesville, OK; and Norman S. Wizer, Penn Valley, PA.

The answers are:

JULY—Rex Reed (WRECKS-READ); Santa Cruz (SANTA-CRUISE); Eddie Fisher (EDDY-FISHER); Bob Hope (BOB-HOPE); Gene Autry (GEE-GNAW-TREE); Pearl S. Buck (PER-LESS-BUCK); Marcus Welby (MARK-A-SWELL-B); Crater Lake (CRATE-EARL-ACHE); Lady Godiva (LAID-EGO-DIVE-A); *Oh, Calcutta!*

(OAK-AL-CUT-A); *Excalibur* (X-CALIBER); and "Sweet Adeline" (SUITE-ADD A LINE).

AUGUST—Morley Safer (MORE-LEASE-A-FER); Budapest (BUDDHA-PEST); *The Andromeda Strain* (THE-ANNE-DRAMA-DUST-RAIN); Prince of Wales (PRINTS OF WHALES); Dan Devine (DANDY-VINE); Boris Spassky (BORE-SSSS-PASSKEY); Jack Luzzatto (JACK-LOSE-AUTO); Dry vermouth (DRIVER-"MOOTH"); "Surfin' USA" (SIR-FIN-YOU-ESSAY); Omar Sharif (PIN OAK-E-O); Peter Frampton (P-TURF-RAMP-TON); and Albuquerque (AL-BUCK-IRK-E).

SEPTEMBER—Mesa Verde (MACE-OF-HEIR-D); Phil Silvers (FILL SILVER'S); Gay Talese (GATE-A-LEASE); Coco Chanel (COKE-OCEAN-L); Waikiki (Y-"KEY-KEY"); Hank Williams (HANG-QUILL-YUMS); Beirut (BAY-ROUTE); Pinocchio (PIN OAK-E-O); Amanda Blake (A-MAN-DUB-LAKE); *60 Minutes* (SICK-STEAM-IN-IT'S); Dr. No. (DOCK-TERN-EAU); and *Five Easy Pieces* (FIE-VZP-SEZ).

Note: Rebus contesting returns this month with a new set of puzzles beginning on page 4.

"P" Soup

Results from September

Pandemonium erupted at the *Four-Star* Puzzler office when entries to the "P" Soup" contest arrived. The printer panicked, the publisher palpitated, the proofreaders passed out, and the postman pitched his packsack at a passing Pekingese. You see, there were so many Ps in the entries (which had to explain the precise location of Peter Piper's pickled peppers) that the printer used up his entire supply of Ps after setting only two of the winning entries in type.

First prize (the Parker games "Pit," "Probe," "Payday," and "Push Over") goes to J.F. Peirce of Bryan, Texas, for the following:

Penelope P. (for Pinchpenny) Piper, who is a pleasingly plump, paunchy, protuberant, and perennially provocative person, ate Peter Piper's peck of pickled peppers in the postprandial period. Penelope Pinchpenny Piper is probably prematurely pregnant by Peter Piper, who picked Penelope as a precipitant participant for premarital play, prompting Papa Pinchpenny's parental protection for Penelope and promises of Pow! Pow! Pow! to Peter if he procrastinated proposing. Plausible? Perfectly.

Runners-up (receiving *The Puzzler's Paradise* from Paddington Press) were Mary Jane Millek of Glenshaw, PA; Laurel Gealt of Philadelphia, PA; Patty Parker of Cherry Hill, NJ; Marsha E. Quinn of New York, NY; and Dodi Schultz of New York, NY, who wrote:

No puzzlement. The particular peck of pickled peppers Peter Piper previously

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2 Good Heavens!

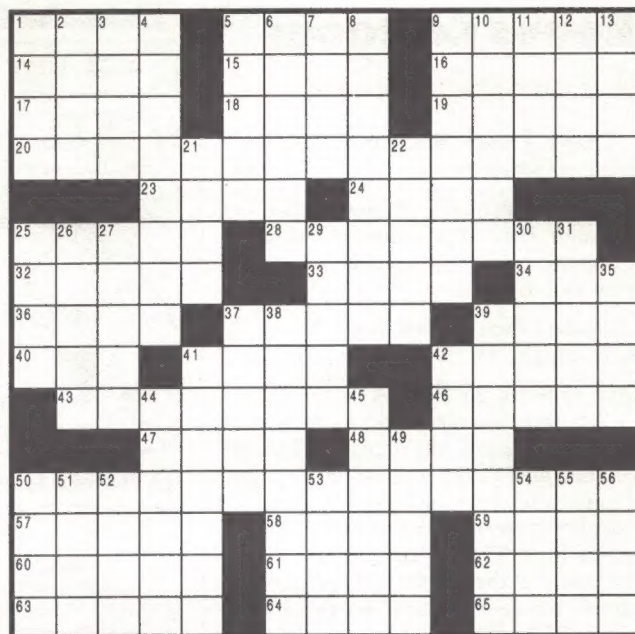
KEN H. MacLEISH

ACROSS

- 1 Bath embroidery
5 Austen's Ms. Woodhouse
9 Emergency money
14 Refuse to use
15 Tote barges and lift bales
16 Saw things?
17 Em
18 Bobby of the NHL
19 Musical sheikdom
20 GIs' *Times*
23 Stick to Mehta?
24 Preschoolers
25 Goal of many stars
28 Hollywood hopefuls
32 *All the King's Men* role
33 Tongue in Tralee
34 He was between Harry and Jack
36 Fish-eye, e.g.
37 Tenor's backup, perhaps
- 39 Recipe verb
40 It may make Trigger happy
41 It's often pitched
42 Liverpoolian percussionist
43 Guiding light
46 Has a deficiency
47 Robert _____
48 Admitting a draft
50 34-Across, e.g.
57 Dark
58 *Animal House* attire
59 Locale for 30-Down
60 "You can _____ horse..."
61 Unvaried
62 Honors at the table
63 Record album insert
64 Beatty film
65 It's between the covers

DOWN

- 1 Brewery need
2 Disembogue
3 Wealthy, to Juan
4 Lucas saga
5 Green Mountain name
6 Kopjes
7 Clement
8 Featured players?
9 Catch off guard
10 Slightly darker than claret
11 Take in
12 "Wouldn't _____ Lovely?"
13 _____ Ed.
21 Scot's shirt
22 Trunk
25 Site of the Nobel Institute
26 Emulate Brock
27 Poem part
29 Seed coating
30 Atlas superseder
31 Lavalava or pareu, e.g.
35 Flubs



- 37 Plague
38 Pet to take on picnics?
39 Eyes
41 1962 satellite
42 Pavlova portrayal
44 Make sport of
45 Played Joplin music
49 *So Fine* wardrobe
50 Stuffed
51 "The _____ love belongs..."
52 _____ Bator
53 Cruise around
54 Chicken soup ingredient
55 Hirsch's *Taxi* role
56 Down the drain

3 Cryptic Crossword

HENRY HOOK

Each cryptic clue contains two indications of its answer—a direct or indirect definition, and some sort of wordplay on it (anagram, pun, or reversal, etc.). You'll know when you have an answer because every word in the clue will have a role in leading you to it. Explanations will appear with answers next month.

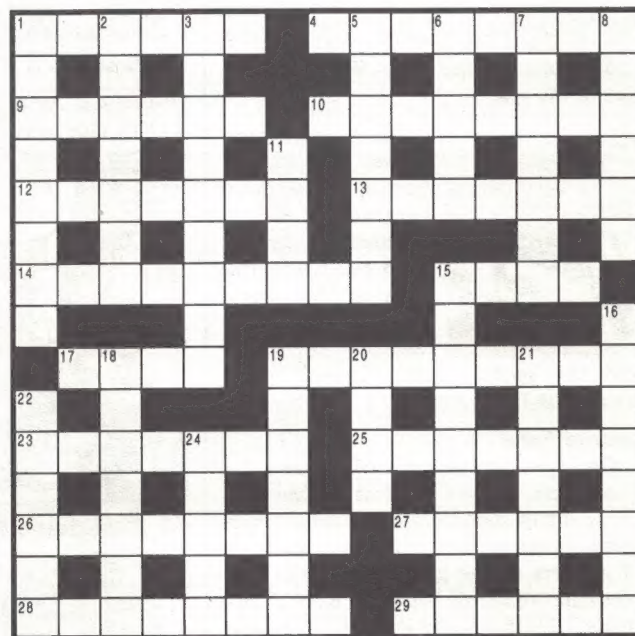
ACROSS

- 1 Wait around the railroad—it's well lit at night (6)
4 Unyielding, shuffled the cards (8)
9 Help someone who worships a donkey? (6)
10 Afraid of Cold War outbreak by end of July (8)
12 Wrong to add half of onions to dessert (7)
13 Result of not being in business with me (7)
14 To kill time, I acted insane (9)
15 King taken by ace, beaten in set (4)
17 Content with receding gums (4)
19 Kind of music thus used by one involved in obscene calls? (9)
23 Poisonous ingredient in medicines, rarely obtained from the East (7)
25 TV officer and sailors in blue (7)

- 26 Very hungry—looking to eat a piece of veal (8)
27 Backing a lawyer at 199 Locust (6)
28 Leisurely umpire (8)
29 One hundred and fifty evidently starting to taper (6)

DOWN

- 1 Surprised by shady lady in toboggan (8)
2 Gold star oddly worn by one in a foreign land (7)
3 Putting back the last two rings (9)
5 Miss Piggy's caught up in a big book written by a couple (7)
6 Falling star full of oxygen proves to be very hot (5)
7 This may be obtained on a pier! (7)
8 Poet is uninteresting to study (6)
11 A bit of wine from South Italian city (4)



- 15 In the country, one will be enthralled by cryptic acrostic (5, 4)
16 Fellow gamesperson may do metal-coating for the Rev. Spooner (8)
18 Dark yellow ooze in which Nova got stuck (7)
19 Right out of court, prisoner is captured with something in the palm? (7)
20 In addition, we're told to use a pointed tool to make clothes (4)
21 Sweet treat has a crust mixed with a trace of dill (7)
22 Our hairless uncle's heartless—this should soothe (6)
24 Nerve-shattering? No way! (5)

Rebus Cartoons

A Four-Star Contest

Grand Prize: "Electronic Detective" game by Ideal

10 Runner-Up Prizes: *Puzzling Through 1982 with Margaret Farrar & Company* crossword calendars from Simon and Schuster

Contest Puzzles This Issue: Nos. 4, 5, 6, 7, 32, 33, 35, 39, and 40

How to Solve the Puzzles

You will find nine rebus cartoon puzzles in this issue, beginning in the next column and continuing on later pages. The caption above each cartoon gives the category of the answer and the number of letters in it. Thus, "Author: 6,4" would indicate that the answer is the name of an author whose first name contains six letters and last name contains four letters.

All the parts of each answer are found *phonetically* in the cartoon, in one or more of the following ways:

1. Words or hyphenated syllables actually spoken by the cartoon characters;
2. Synonyms of words spoken by the characters or appearing in the cartoon;
3. Names of prominent objects in the picture;
4. Isolated letters in the picture;
5. Words implied by the action or subject of the scene.

Popular Singer: 5, 8



For example, the answer to the cartoon at left is *Peter Frampton*. It is sounded out by the P on the truck, the TURF in the wheelbarrow, the RAMP leading to the truck, and the spoken word TON (P-TURF-RAMP-TON).

How to Enter

On a postcard or back of an envelope (no letters, please), send us the answers to as many rebus cartoons as you can solve. Please include concise explanations of answers so the judges can verify any alternate solutions. Send to "Rebus Cartoons," *The Four-Star Puzzler*, 515 Madison Avenue, New York, NY 10022. Entries must be received by December 31, 1981.

Winning

The winner will be the reader who correctly solves the most cartoons. Those who submit the ten next best entries will be runners-up. In case of ties, winners will be chosen by random drawing. Answers and winners' names will appear in the March, 1982, issue.

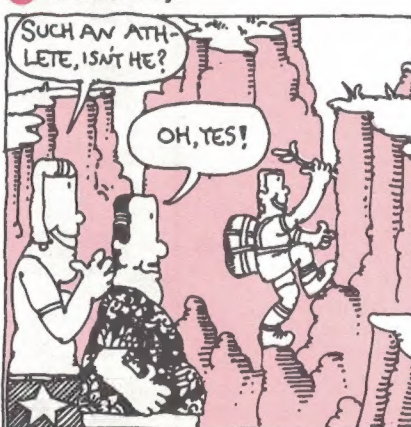
4 Movie Actor: 3,6



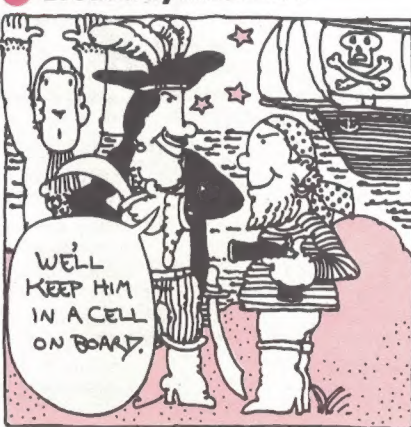
5 Florida Locale: 4,10



6 Golfer: 3,7



7 Broadway Musical: 9



Who's Who in Puzzledom

Nellie M. Meyer

Nellie M. Meyer began constructing puzzles as a hobby in 1957 when she had her first child. In the years since, she has successfully raised five children while becoming perhaps the nation's most prolific puzzlemaker. Each month she sells a remarkable 200 crosswords, criss-crosses, word search puzzles, and variety word games to nearly two dozen magazines and newspapers. These include some of the best-selling newsstand puzzle publications, including *Approved Crosswords*, *Favorite Crosswords*, *Superb Word Finds*, and *Make-a-Word*, as well as the *New York Times* and Chicago Tribune-New York News Syndicate.



"I've always had a fascination with the way words fit together," says Meyer, 51, who recalls trying to grab crosswords from her parents and sisters as a child in Holden, West Virginia. "I used to play with words the way other children play with dolls," she says with a chuckle. After studying at Glenville State College and working as an engineering assistant, she married and began raising a family and constructing puzzles.

With five children arriving in seven years, Meyer squeezed in puzzle work "a few hours here, a few hours there." Though she remembers her first efforts producing "mostly work and not much pay," she sold 51 puzzles in 1958, 200 the next year, and about 1,800 in 1962. "My work allowed me to stay at home with my family," she says, "which I've enjoyed."

Married to an engineer ("My husband is a man of practically unlimited patience," she says), Meyer works in a room she calls "The Puzzle Mill" in their home in the upstate New York town of Scotia. Sitting at a cluttered office desk beside 15 shelves of reference books, she constructs nearly 50 kinds of puzzles. She maintains a file folder for each style and builds up a backlog so that she can mail them out in batches of 10 or so. "I'll work at one thing, and if I have trouble, put it aside and work at something else," Meyer explains. An effervescent woman, she cheerfully notes that she works "whenever the words are falling into place," whether it's during the day, late at night, or 4:30 on a Sunday morning.

Her family occasionally joins in, especially when she makes up punning defini-

tions for a word puzzle. "The louder the groan, the sooner I'll put the definition on the list," Meyer quips.

Meyer has even tapped her family tree for puzzlemaking help. She explains that her byline, N.M. Meyer, is "a throwback to the days when it was easier to sell puzzles if the publisher thought you were a male." Thus she has created puzzles under the names Pat Bradshaw, Jody Lett, and M.B. Ross—her grandfather, great-uncle, and mother, respectively.

Nellie Meyer's puzzles call on solvers to write in words that interlock, overlap, and flow in all directions. In addition to the customary word search, crossword, and criss-cross puzzles, Meyer constructs puzzles in the shapes of rectangles, circles, spirals, stars, flowers, pinecones, honeycombs, and roulette wheels. She defines a good puzzle as one with "a fresh idea" that will "challenge the solver but not frustrate him."

The energetic Meyer makes time in her life for more than puzzles. She does the household chores and prepares meals for her family, and unwinds through four-mile walks, aerobic dancing, and duplicate bridge games. ("I'd rather play than eat," she says.) Meyer was talking as her family was preparing to take her youngest daughter off to college. Was the car packed? "We're all ready," she said jauntily. "Just as long as they leave me room for a dictionary, a pencil, and a pad to take along. That's all I need."

—ROBERT D. SPURRIER

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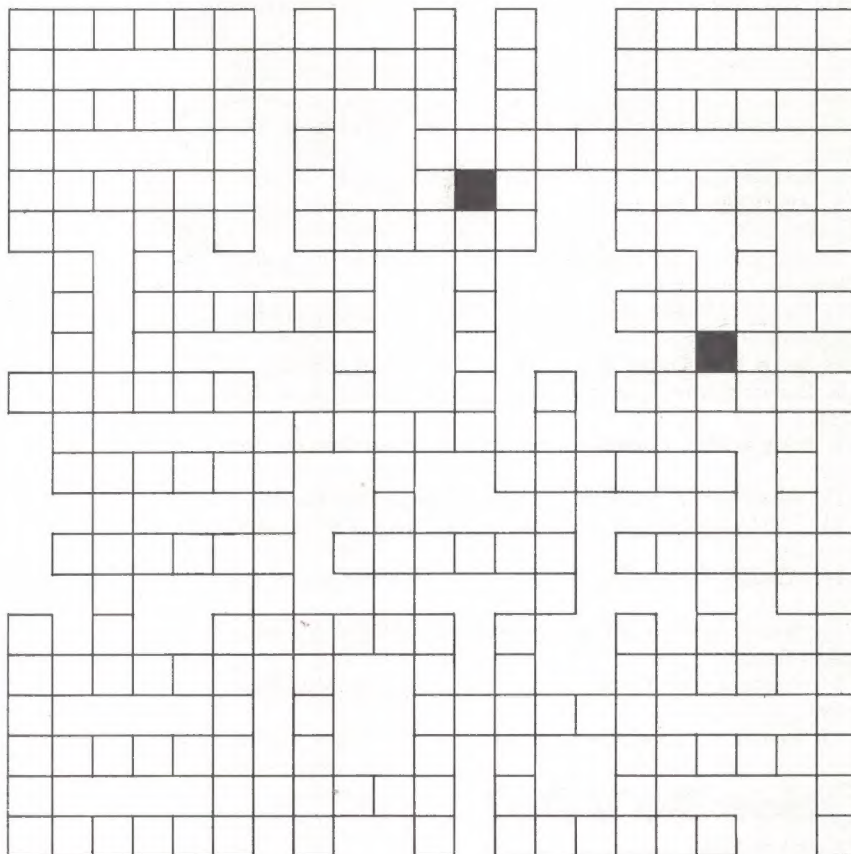
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8 Battle of the Sixes

N. M. MEYER

This criss-cross puzzle was created for the *Four-Star* by our December profilee (see left). To solve: Insert the 54 six-letter words listed below into their proper places in the diagram. If you need help getting started, the first word across is given on page 10.



WORD LIST

ACTION	COMEDY	GANNET	RANGER
AFFAIR	DECIDE	GOBLET	SETTLE
AFFORD	DEFEND	IMPACT	SPIRIT
ANEMIA	DOCTOR	IMPORT	STRICT
BABOON	EFFORT	LEGACY	SYSTEM
BAOBAB	ELEVEN	MARINE	TABLET
BATBOY	EMBLEM	NOVICE	TALENT
BEACON	EMERGE	OCTAVE	TARTAN
BOBBIN	ENCORE	OUTFIT	THROAT
BREATH	ENSIGN	OVERDO	TICKET
BUDGET	ENTICE	PARENT	TOTTER
CAMERA	ENTREE	POSTAL	TROWEL
	ENZYMES	PROPEL	TRYING
	EXPORT	PROPER	TUNNEL

9 If Only You Knew

Logic Puzzle

PAUL R. McCLENON

Four men (first names Aaron, Abner, Alvin, and Arnold; last names Cashman, Collins, Connolly, and Cooke) and their wives (Barbara, Bea, Betty, and Bonnie) live in the same town (on 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Streets). Using the clues below, can you tell who's married to whom and who lives where? Note: The sentence "X if and only if Y" tells you that X and Y are either both true or both false.

Answer, page 10

Clues

- Bea is Mrs. Collins if and only if Abner lives on 2nd Street.
- Aaron lives on 2nd Street if and only if Arnold is Mr. Cooke.
- Betty is Mrs. Collins if and only if Abner is Mr. Cooke.
- Abner lives on 4th Street if and only if Aaron is Mr. Cooke.
- Abner lives on 2nd Street if and only if Alvin is Mr. Cooke.
- The Cookes live on 4th Street if and only if Bea is Mrs. Cashman.
- Bea is Mrs. Cooke if and only if Abner is Mr. Collins.
- Bonnie is Mrs. Cashman if and only if Abner lives on 4th Street.
- Betty is Mrs. Connolly if and only if Abner lives on 3rd Street.
- Abner is Mr. Cooke if and only if Bea is Mrs. Collins.
- The Cashmans live on 1st Street if and only if Bea is Mrs. Connolly.
- Abner is Mr. Collins if and only if the Cookes live on 4th Street.
- Bonnie lives on 3rd Street if and only if Barbara is married to Alvin.
- Aaron is Mr. Cooke if and only if Betty is Mrs. Connolly.
- Bonnie is Mrs. Collins if and only if Bea is Mrs. Cooke.

10 How Do U Do?

RALPH MAUS

The letter U is the rarest of the five English vowels, occurring, for example, just a quarter as often as the most frequent letter, E. This rarity makes it all the more surprising to find so many words containing two U's, separated by another letter.

We've listed below all 26 U-letter-U trigrams (UAU, UBU, UCU, etc.), and challenge you to name one common word containing each. For example, the combination UAU is found in LUAU. We found 20 answers for the 26 combinations. You?

Answer, page 10

___ U A U ___	___ U N U ___
___ U B U ___	___ U O U ___
___ U C U ___	___ U P U ___
___ U D U ___	___ U Q U ___
___ U E U ___	___ U R U ___
___ U F U ___	___ U S U ___
___ U G U ___	___ U T U ___
___ U H U ___	___ U U U ___
___ U I U ___	___ U V U ___
___ U J U ___	___ U W U ___
___ U K U ___	___ U X U ___
___ U L U ___	___ U Y U ___
___ U M U ___	___ U Z U ___



Cryptography

SALLY PORTER

Each of these messages has been put into a simple substitution letter code. The substitutions are constant throughout each cipher, but change from one cipher to the next. An asterisk indicates a proper name.

11 How About a Sow's Ear?

RUR GO ARPY, YGR GO OHGM
PTDVR LXU DGQSTAR OGH LRZL XU
AGJTG NK SHRP. CZTH GO LGM
RFNZXXU TXX-ZLBTKRL.

12 Picnickers: Beware

ATLMNO NTLAGNGRTIP, IPHQSTAR
VTFDVTDA KDLFITPO DVOD
MOLGDAI NTPPGVDN NTPPOV
NOWP MS NDBS KDLFOVI.

13 For Your Emus-ment

MUBRJ VX-MXQVU HDXXVHSTAR,
CXVBPKX CXVJBCKR, ATVUXQN
QKMVXBCJKR WVGQ *NSLT *KTNQU
MSKTJUB KTDYKQ.

14 Wads It Worth?

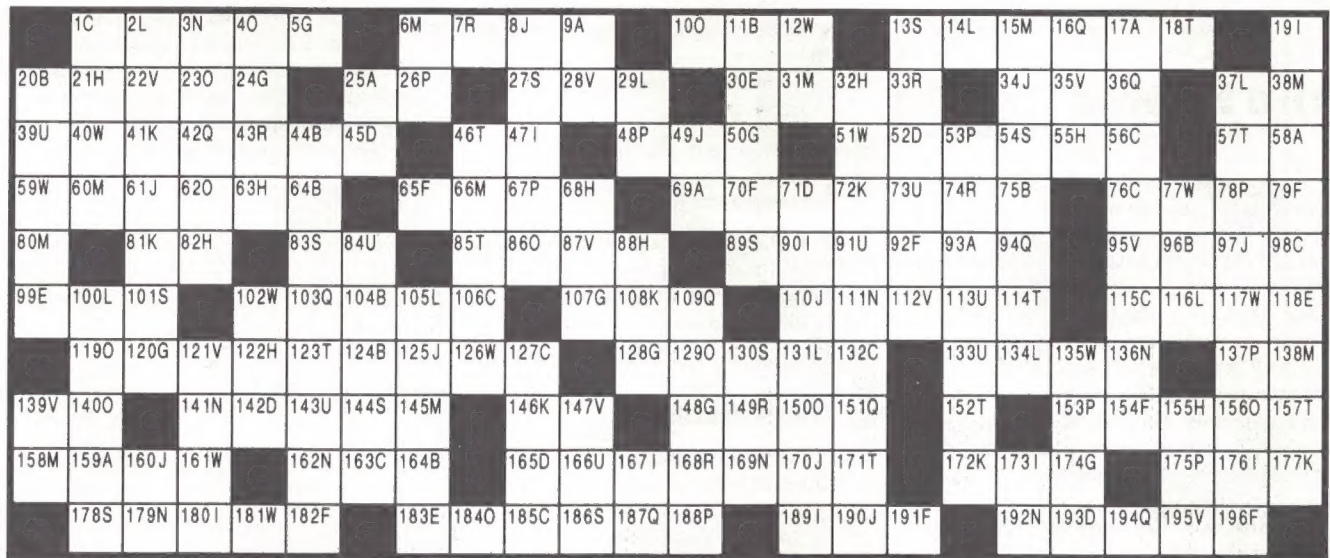
URSBFG MFSHLI JDRBACK
*NRCKMSNNRE IRDCP NALS
QRXACK QSC UHTLACK UFSTARDI
TOACH: "SWTSNIARF, SWTSNIARFI!"

15 Pleasant Dreams

ANPRVMB, QNSTARVMB NSNXWRBNB
TWA TB BVFVXRHRW. RCBVJCRTWB
XNYL VC WXLFAVKXTJB ERAG
ETXJ JRYO.

16 Acrostic Puzzle

MIKE SHENK



Answer the clues for words to be entered on the numbered dashes. Then transfer the letters on the dashes to the correspondingly numbered squares in the puzzle grid to spell a quotation reading left to right. Black squares separate words in the quotation. Work back and forth between grid and word list to complete the puzzle. When you are done, the initial letters of the words in the word list will spell the name of the author and the source of the quotation.

CLUES

WORD LIST

- A. Vaudeville dancers
9 159 25 69 17 58 93
- B. American marmot
64 75 96 104 124 164 11 20 44
- C. "I must dance barefoot on her _____" (*Taming of the Shrew*; 2 wds.)
115 98 76 56 185 163 106 132 1 127
- D. Paschal holiday
52 142 165 193 45 71
- E. Brownish black
118 183 99 30
- F. George Gobel's self-description
65 70 79 191 196 154 182 92
- G. Hoagy Carmichael song, 1929
24 50 107 120 5 148 128 174
- H. Alone (3 wds.)
82 88 155 55 68 122 32 21 63
- I. Parvenu
173 19 47 189 180 167 176
- J. Device for measuring speed of rotation
8 34 170 190 160 61 49 125 110 97

- K. Barnside sheds (hyph.)
41 72 146 108 81 172 177
- L. Hotelier
116 105 131 37 14 29 134 100 2
- M. Rembrandt painting, with *The* (2 wds.)
38 66 80 145 158 6 60 31 15 138
- N. Gives off, issues
141 3 111 136 162 169 179 192
- O. Doctor who prescribes corrective lenses
86 119 129 150 184 4 10 23 62
140 156
- P. Shared equally (hyph.)
67 78 90 137 48 26 175 153 188 53
- Q. Stubborn (hyph.)
94 194 16 109 151 103 187 42 36
- R. Obstruct
7 33 149 168 43 74
- S. Ship's right side
13 27 89 101 83 54 130 178 186
- T. John Jakes novel (2 wds.)
18 171 123 85 46 157 144 152 114 57
- U. Musical introduction
39 73 84 91 166 133 143 113
- V. Pleasantly different
195 22 95 87 121 147 28 139 35 112
- W. Coward, dastard
102 12 117 126 135 40 51 59 181
161 77

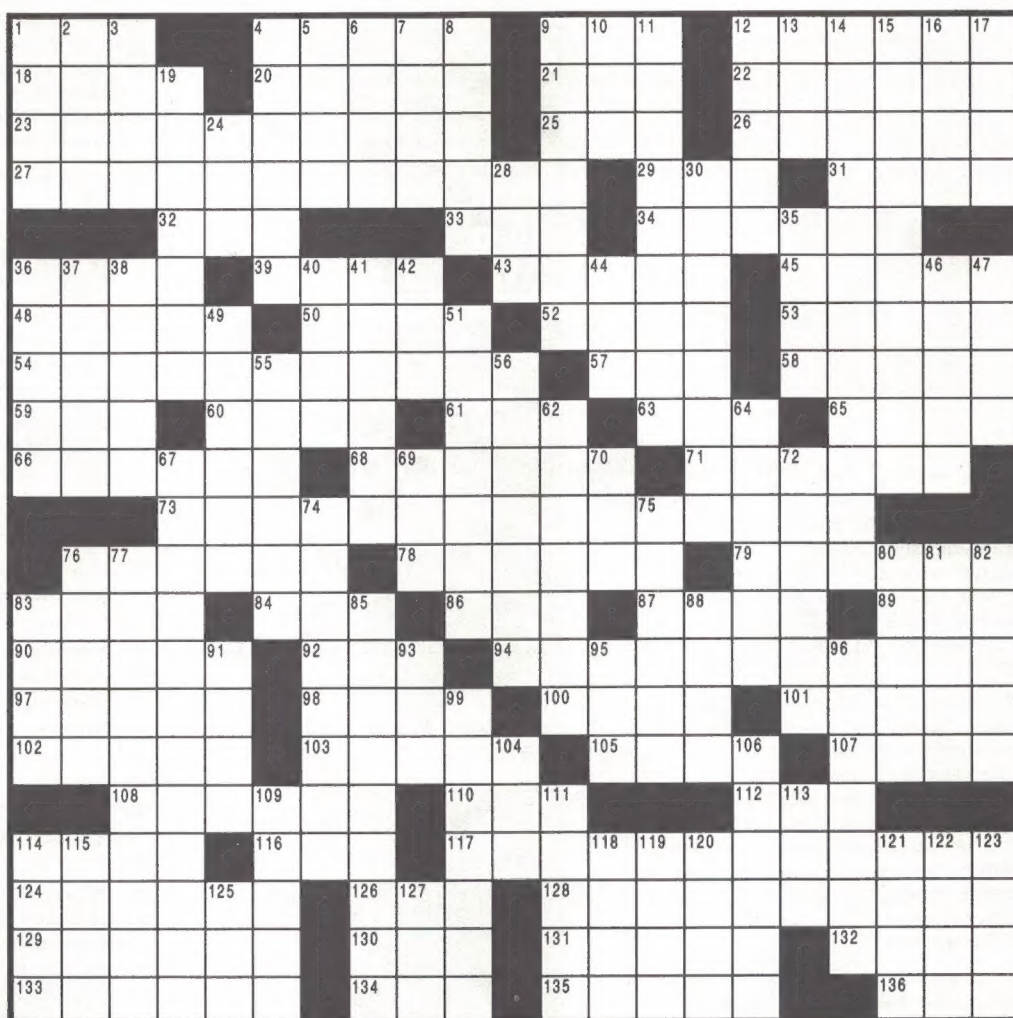


34 United Nations

MERL REAGLE

ACROSS

- 1 Auction action
 4 X
 9 Poke with a fork
 12 Fine-tune
 18 What the suspicious smell
 20 Work ____
 21 Devon river
 22 Snoopy is one
 23 "I've had enough tacos, but may I have ____, please?"
 25 Took charge
 26 Bill-paying method
 27 "____ right over? We're shorthanded"
 29 "____ Sera Sera"
 31 Feed the kitty
 32 My ____, Vietnam
 33 *Certainement!*
 34 Tacit
 36 El house-o
 39 Ocean-region org.
 43 Hereditary
 45 Meager
 48 Olympic legend Jesse
 50 Awkward fellow
 52 Unload, on Wall Street
 53 More washed out
 54 A lovely couple?
 57 W.W.II area
 58 Emulate Tai and Randy
 59 Do-it-yourself purchase
 60 Stable child?
 61 In-between word
 63 Orch. section
 65 Seep
 66 Old Greek robes
 68 Ear trouble
 71 Ominous carriage
 73 ____ for the FBI (Eskimo exposé?)
 76 City on the move?
 78 Dress down
 79 Confines
 83 "____ troth" (bard's phrase)
 84 Flock member
 86 Gun before the gun?
 87 Greeting to 97-Across?
 89 "Square circle" three-timer
 90 *Love Boat* bartender
 92 OSU coach Devine
 94 "What kind of car do I own? Why, a Dodge ____"
 97 Hawaiian songman
 98 "B ____ Baker"



- 100 *Sound of Music* director Robert
 101 Intermeal cookie
 102 Cancel
 103 Stocking stuff
 105 Some profs, synecdochically
 107 Genevieve et Marie, e.g.
 108 Short kind of play
 110 Salt Lake player
 112 Sez you!
 114 Swede who's often a seed
 116 Haw's other half
 117 "Flat tire, eh? Your wife ain't ____!"
 124 Caught off guard
 126 Exercise haven
 128 "Doc, I've got a ____ in my back"
 129 Honey dumplin'
 130 Relative newcomer?
 131 Sing like a bird
 132 Temper

- 133 Approve
 134 Their, *mon cher*
 135 Lingers in the tub
 136 Bradbury's ____ for *Space*
- ## DOWN
- 1 Sop up rays
 2 Dies ____
 3 Oath to the Yankees?
 4 Alarm bell
 5 "____ hollers . . ."
 6 Most important
 7 Gardner who created a lawyer
 8 One of the sauruses
 9 Toast toppings
 10 Chainsaw's granddad
 11 Colorful covers
 12 Songstress Lane and others
 13 Pasha of Tripoli
 14 "Why don't ____ out of the army?"

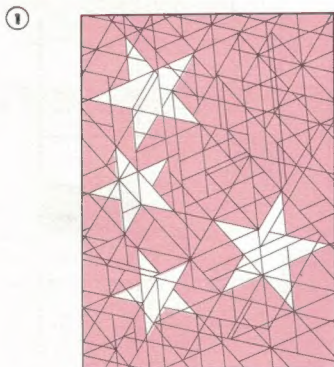
- asked the recruiter
 15 "Are ____ it up or do it right this time?"
 16 Open a "boil-in-bag"
 17 Prefix for phone or prompter
 19 Place for babes?
 24 Auto grp.
 28 Holidayless mo.
 30 Strip
 35 Venomous types
 36 Readies the trigger
 37 Not care ____
 38 "Sister" of 39-Across
 40 Joe Tynan's portrayer
 41 Inaudible, as TV volume
 42 Wilder's ____ *Town*
 44 Maiden-name designation
 46 *In seine ziehen* (to ensnare): Ger.

- 47 Termite target
 49 Big game hunt
 51 Coming-attraction clip
 55 Register button
 56 Before it really happened: Lat.
 62 Renounce
 64 Sound for the third time
 67 "At Plumpy's, our huge portions never ____"
 69 Hunter's check?
 70 Pepper, e.g.
 72 Puzzle heading
 74 The Twist, in 1960
 75 Go over old arguments
 76 *Edward*, ____
 77 "Oh, brother! Not a chance!"
 80 Ready to kill?
 81 Type of kicker
 82 Loses to quicksand

- 83 ____ fond farewell
 85 Cinches for students
 88 Covered the cake
 91 Nat or Natalie
 93 In short, 0
 95 Nightcap
 96 Removes from the cargo hold
 99 Chocolate centers
 104 ____ degree
 106 Sand bars
 109 Fieldsian affirmative
 111 Bridge sites?
 113 Hirt and Capp
 114 Rose's kids?
 115 Draftable
 118 Composer Laura
 119 Opera feature
 120 Gyp
 121 Customized vehicles
 122 Four, on some clock faces
 123 Wee workers
 125 Grain, old style
 127 *Black Cat* author

ANSWERS

This Issue



8 The first word across is "baobab."

9 Abner and Betty Cashman, 1st Street; Alvin and Barbara Collins, 4th Street; Arnold and Bonnie Cooke, 3rd Street; Aaron and Bea Connolly, 2nd Street.

A full explanation is available upon request. Send a self-addressed stamped envelope to "If Only You Knew," *The Four-Star Puzzler*, 515 Madison Avenue, New York, NY 10022.

10 There are other answers than those we list below. Consult your dictionary to verify any doubtful alternatives.

Our answers are: luau, suburb or auburn, mucus or truculent, fraudulent, queue or liqueur, no UFU, fugue or augur, no UHU, colloquium, jujube, ukulele, pendulum or ululate, cumulative, unusual or sunup, innocuous or continuous, scrupulous, bouquet, guru, usual or usury, mutual or future, no UUU, uvula, no UWU, luxury, no UYU or UZU.

37 Hardcase suspected the one woman who had touched her \$500 after it had been authenticated, Mrs. Banks. Using a variation of an old confidence game known as the "pigeon drop," she had switched the genuine \$500 bill for a bogus one when she had snatched it back from Mary.

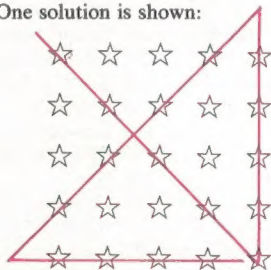
38 Can we actually know the universe? My God, it's hard enough finding your way around in Chinatown. Woody Allen.

41 George's nephew is Georgina's son.

42 Pierre, South Dakota.

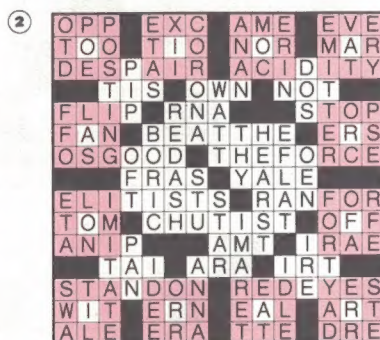
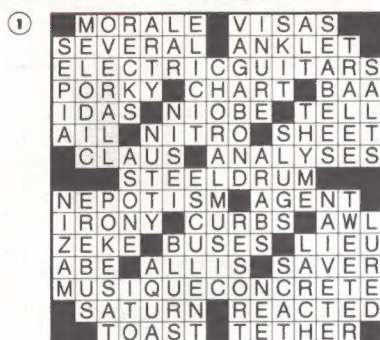
43 Place the egg snugly into a corner of the room. The walls will stop the cannonball before it can damage the egg.

44 One solution is shown:



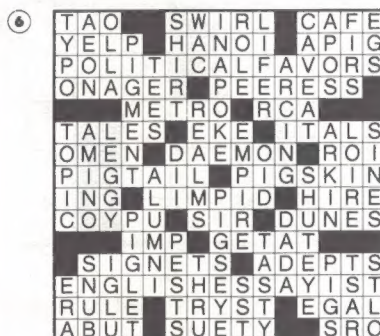
45 The number is 18. Each number in the lower row is the square of the number above it, with digits reversed.

Last Issue



3 Star Trek (START-WRECK)

4 San Diego Padres (SANDY-A-GO-POD-RAYS)



7 ACROSS: 1. M-ACARONI (ocarina anag.) 6. BLEEP (hidden) 10. ENTE-RED (teen anag.) 11. PAN-DOR-A (all rev.) 12. RODE(o) 13. GREEN-LIGHT 15. OPERAS 17. DR.-AS-TIC 19. NEEDLER (2 mngs.) 20. WEASEL (anag.) 22. ENTER(TAIN)S (ain't anag.) 23. VET-O 26. T(RAIN)EE 27. I-RON AGE (orange anag.) 28. (deodo)RANTS 29. S-USPENDS (sends up anag.)

DOWN: 2. A-CT-ED 3. ACRE (anag.) 4. ORDERS (2 mngs.) 5. IMP(LEAD)S 6. B-AND-LEADER 7. ELON-GATES 8. PRACTICAL JOKER (anag.) 9. DEAR JOHN LETTER (anag.) 14. BALL-ERINAS (is near anag.) 16. E-YES-TRAIN 18. D-REAMERS 21. UNDIES (anag.) 24. E-LAND 25. MOVE (hidden)

28 Word List: A. Machinery B. Out of hand C. Rich as Croesus D. Emphases E. Legionary F. Legalese G. At the last H. Architect I. Normal form J. Do the honors K. End to war L. Pursued by a bear M. Show-how N. Thought-out O. Entail P. Ill sorts Q. Nader R. Break a

leg S. Rowdydowdy T. Artless U. Naif V. Dinah W. Outweigh

Quotation: Brando ... was always drawn to the underdog. In the opinion of an old school chum, "I always thought ... that was because he could feel superior ... at least not inferior." [His] grandmother, years later, remarked that he "always brought home cross-eyed girls."—(Joe) Morella and (Edward Z.) Epstein, *Brando*



31 $10417 \div 19 = 548.263157894736842105$

32 Scheherazade probably beefed up exotic thousand-and-one tales by plucking her lute-like rebab.

33 Mischievous leprechauns, caught stealing by cobbler, nearly get clobbered by blackthorn shillelagh.

34 Whirling dust devil must appear like tornado to tiny tremulous prairie dog hiding in burrow.

35 Genealogy enthusiast draws up fanciful family crest featuring argent griffin, vert martlets.

36 Symbiont: Organism living closely with dissimilar one for mutual benefit. Parasite: Your brother-in-law.



38 Sonny Bono (SUNNY-BOW-NO)

39 Helsinki (HELL-SING-KEY)

40 Arthur Conan Doyle (R-THIR-CONE-&-OIL)

41 Al Pacino (ALP-A-CHINO)

42 ACROSS: THE DIAGRAM; DIE D(O)WN (winded anag.); AURAL (homophone); AGRA (hidden); ALL-E.G.-E; YEO-MEN; PR(E)SAGE (Grapes anag.); IRONS (2 mngs.); RE(PUB)LIC; SPOT (2 mngs.); E(XA)M (all rev.); RAM-PARTS; AROUND (anag.); ALERT (hidden); INSTIGATE (anag.); C-ANON; UNTRIED (anag.); DIGNITY (anag.); N,E,W,S; UP-SIDE-DOWN

DOWN: TI(G)ER; HER-O; EDAM (hidden); DO-ME: ANA(HE)IM (*mania* anag.); GAL-LIC; RU(L)ER; MAGINOT (anag.); DA(is)Y; (se)WING; RED-O; L-EAST (*seat* anag.); P(REDIC)T. (*cider* rev.); SUM-O; PAR-SNIP; B-RUIN; LA(N-GU)ID (*gun* anag.); SALERNO (anag.); P. (REV.-I.E.)W.; XANADU (hidden); PAT-TY (2 mngs.); STUD'S; DAN-T(h)E; TO-G'S; HEWN (anag.)



44 Wichita (WITCH-IT-AWWW)

"P" Soup, cont'd

picked (prematurely) is present, partly putrid, piled in a pale puce pyramid on a pewter platter in Peter's picturesque paneled playroom. Petulant Paula Piper, a prominent pediatrician, pouts, persistently pleading, "I'd prefer palpitations, pimples, plumbism, or plague. Pick 'em up, Peter, and pitch 'em out, pronto!" But as prolix Peter pompously puts it, "I personally picked the putrescent peppers, pretty Paula, and my purposeful plan is to peddle the produce for a prodigious price, plumping my piteously pallid purse. So be pliantly patient, not pettily persnickety, pet, and present my plaudits to the praiseworthy *Puzzler*. Prestigious publicity may prove the perfect ploy, presently procuring a potential purchaser—perhaps a preserved-pickle-packing plant president, or a platoon of polyphagous proletarians—panting to pay the Pipers."

—LINDA BOSSON

35 Popular Singer: 5,11



36 X-Word Puzzle

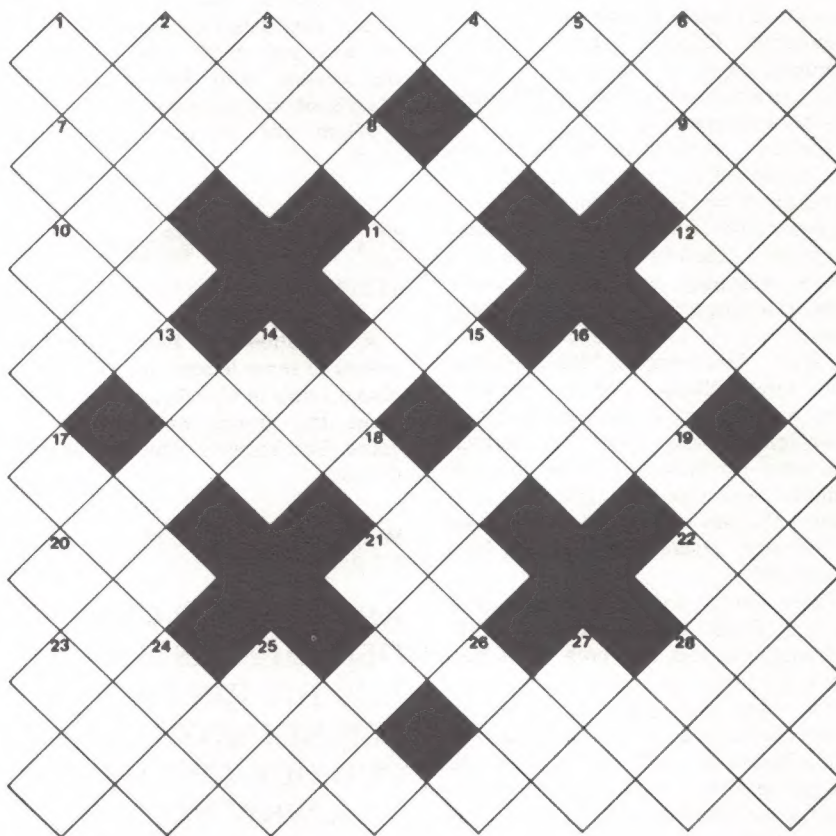
Variety Cryptic Crossword

MEL ROSEN

(with acknowledgements to Virgilius of The Azed Book of Crosswords)

Fill each six-letter answer into the diagram in the shape of an X, beginning in the box corresponding to the clue number. As an example, the word DOCTOR would appear:

D O T
R O C



CLUES

- 1 Rifle's appropriate for nonconformist
- 2 Illegally sells pens
- 3 Frequent the village green
- 4 *Smooth Victory* (first half of television broadcast)
- 5 On the way back, the Spanish save all but the last slave
- 6 Exploits with dwarfs
- 7 Comparatively brief rendition of "Trees" precedes introduction to *Rigoletto*
- 8 Guiding principles, to most unguided
- 9 Beams and walks proudly
- 10 Raucous laughter about being gung-ho? (*hyph.*)
- 11 Peg's chasing the group to the sofa
- 12 Convened to talk with the old governor
- 13 Buzzing sound on the wiretap? Nonsense!
- 14 Suit has secondary stitching, apparently
- 15 In part, I'd bitten a choice morsel
- 16 Be deep in turmoil and hit the horn
- 17 Palm tree reportedly grew doubly
- 18 Stamp out whiskey
- 19 Beheading beasts can lead to misunderstandings
- 20 Like instrumental music that's not praised?
- 21 He's eating caviar sandwiches
- 22 Begins to include Turkey's leader among the headliners
- 23 Dogs wildly running to see favored child?
- 24 Not well versed, yet prepared
- 25 Fewer than half a dozen like going back and forth to King's College
- 26 Carl's a rotten little devil
- 27 Drops envelopes initially in boxes
- 28 Start changing one of the beds



37 Season's Greetings, Hardcase?

Three-Minute Detective

ROBERT LIDDIL

"Even at this season, Miss Christmas, it's odd to have three \$500 bills in the register. It's worse that one of them was counterfeit!" Corinne Ratz of Corinne's Boutique reproved Mary, the cashier who had accepted the bills in the previous day's transactions.

Hardcase, warmed by the happy season, squirmed as Mrs. Ratz continued. "You know you're required to take any currency over a hundred dollars across the street to the bank for authentication before wrapping up the transaction. Now, give Inspector Hardcase the entire story."

"Well," Mary started, "the bills came from three different steady customers. Mrs. Ashton came in first and bought a gown for her bridge party. She said she was sorry for having to break the five-hundred and was very gracious, even though she was in a hurry. I ran it over to the bank, where it was okayed by a trainee teller.

"Mrs. Banks came in just before noon for \$75 worth of accessories. She was bad-tempered and had both arms burdened down with packages. She put them down, then rummaged in her purse. When she handed me the five-hundred, I said it had to be verified at the bank, and she got very testy. When I got back, she was furious. She threw the accessories on the counter and snatched the money

from me. Then she changed her mind and handed it back—said she was just tired from the crowds and shopping. She was very sweet, then, and even gave me a \$10 tip.

"Mrs. Cashmon came in just before closing time. It was after hours at the bank when I took the bill over, but a teller came and checked it for me through the window. He said it was okay."

"So, Inspector," Mrs. Ratz demanded, "how did this homemade piece of paper get substituted for \$500 of my receipts? This young woman's job depends on your answer."

"Chances are one of the three women cheated you, and I think I can get your money back by checking out just one of them." And with that, Hardcase was out the door and on his way to interrogate the woman who had nearly ruined Mary's job and reputation.

Whom did Hardcase suspect, and why?

Answer, page 10

38 Quick Quote

STEPHANIE SPADACCINI

A quotation has been divided into groups of three letters, and these groups placed below in alphabetical order. Rearrange the groups to reconstruct the quote. The author's name will appear at the end.

Answer, page 10

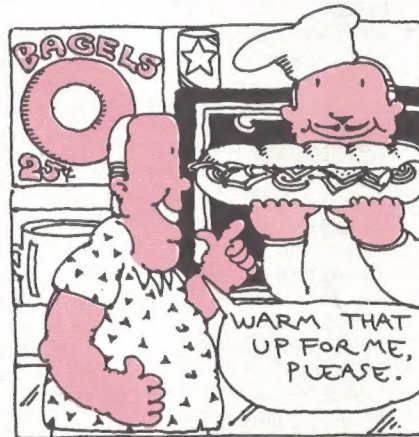
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DEN EMY ERS GOD HAR
HEU HFI HIN INC ITS
LEN NDI NGY NIV OOD
OUG OUR OWT UND WAY
WEA WNW YAL YKN

39 Country: 3,7



40 World Leader: 8



At Wit's End

Answers, page 10

41 Relativity

"That is my nephew," said George to his sister Georgina. "He is not my nephew," said Georgina. How is this situation to be explained?—Hubert Phillips, *The Week-End Problems Book*

42 Capital Letters II

What is the only state capital whose name has no letters in common with the name of its home state?—M.S.

43 Eggs Benefit

If you were in a square, empty room, with only a very large cannonball and a very small egg as companions, what could you do with the egg to safeguard it from being broken by the cannonball, which you are rolling along the floor? The egg, intact, must be left on the floor.—Jacob Philip Rudin, *So You Like Puzzles!*

44 Star Trek

Using four straight, continuous lines, can you connect 17 of the 25 stars below? You may start anywhere, but, once started, the pencil may not be taken off the paper. Although it's easy to link 16 stars, and there are several solutions for 17, this puzzle should nevertheless prove to be a challenge.—W. Leslie Prout, *Think Again*



45 Number, Please

What number belongs under the 9 in the array below?

4	5	6	7	8	9
61	52	63	94	46	?

—Mel Loftus, *Estacada, OR*

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